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FOIPA Request No.: 1346465-000  
Subject: File 62-HQ-104045

Dear Ms. Best:

Reference is made to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for FBI records concerning File Number 62-HQ-104045. This letter will serve to document your email exchange with my representative on November 29, 2018.

My representative explained that your request was currently in the extra-large track of our multi-track backlog of unassigned FOIA requests. This track contains requests for records in excess of 950 pages and assignments from this queue to our FOIA Processing Units are typically delayed for a significant amount of time. My representative indicated that the FBI located approximately 9,399 pages related to your subject and you were offered the opportunity to reduce the scope of your request to accelerate its assignment for processing. Since you have not indicated an interest in reducing the size of this request from correspondence exchanged in October, all responsive files will be processed at this time. Your request will remain in the extra-large track backlog until its assignment to our FOIA Processing Units.

Your request will be processed as interim releases of approximately 500 pages per CD, and by email dated September 23, 2016 you were informed of the size of the request. Fees will apply for this processing. We certainly appreciate your consideration in this matter and solicit your continued patience.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact my representative at 540-868-4894. You may also submit questions via the [www.fbi.gov/foia](http://www.fbi.gov/foia) website under "Contact Us." The FOIPA Request Number listed above has been assigned to your request. Please use this number in all correspondence concerning your request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Hardy", is positioned above the typed name of the sender.

David M. Hardy  
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